

WOULD REPEAL ORDINANCE

METHOD OF STREET ASSESSMENTS OBJECTED TO.

BUTLER OFFERS SEVEN REASONS

Routine Matters Occupy Council in Short Session—Ordinances in Preparation for Storing of Explosives—Mayor Granted Vacation.

Routine matters occupied the attention of the city council in a short session last Tuesday evening. Several communications were read dealing with water rates and water usage and referred to the proper committee. The street committee reported considerable work accomplished.

The matter of the storing of explosives within the city limits was brought up, the ordinance committee being granted more time for the drawing up of an ordinance governing this matter. Chief Olen gave considerable enlightenment on the subject and suggested that a concrete house be erected at some safe point where dynamite might be stored. It was pointed out that a large quantity of dynamite is at present stored within the city. Mayor Neil was granted a two weeks' vacation.

The important thing of the meeting was the consideration of an ordinance to repeal the one now in effect governing the assessment of street improvement against abutting property. Under the provisions of the present ordinance, no street work in excess of \$50 can be undertaken by the council, as all in excess of that amount must be assessed against the abutting property owner. The new ordinance seeks to repeal the old and make it possible for the council to make needed improvements with the money now in the treasury for that purpose. The ordinance was laid over for the second reading at the next regular meeting.

In speaking against the existing ordinance Councilman Butler made the following statement:

"There is only one thing that I find in favor of this ordinance, and that is, it would keep the council from showing any personal favors, and if that is the reason that this ordinance should stand, then there is not a councilman that should stay on the council another day, for when this council reaches the stage that it cannot trust itself with the expenditure of the taxpayers' money, then, as I said before, it is time they were resigning.

Points Against the Ordinance.

"1. The paving of some of the streets cost the taxpayer at large over 37 per cent of the total cost of such grading, paving, etc.

"2. It falls upon the taxpayer at large to pay for the upkeep of the paved streets, such as sweeping, cleaning, repairing, cutting for sewers and water mains, etc.

"3. The taxpayer at large paid for the grading, upkeep and repair of all the streets before they were ordered paved.

"4. Under the provisions of this ordinance the council cannot spend one cent of street money on the streets, unless it is to remedy an accident that has happened to the streets (with the exception of street intersections).

"5. Ninety-five cents on the dollar of every dollar that you have spent on the streets since the passage of this ordinance has been a violation of the ordinance.

"6. A levy of 2 mills on Ashland property was made by the county court of Jackson county for the repair and upkeep of the streets of the city of Ashland during the year 1912 and it is a violation of the state laws to use this money for any other purpose, and it is a violation of the ordinance to use it for the purpose as indicated by the state law. What are you going to do with the money?

"7. Under the provisions of Section 2 of this ordinance the council is required to advertise for bids for street improvements in excess of \$500, and the letting of a contract on such bids, while Section 22 of Article VII of the charter of the city of Ashland provides that the council shall advertise for bids for all improvements in excess of \$500, and if the council fails to receive satisfactory bids the council may, by a two-thirds vote of the council, undertake and perform such improvement under the direction of said council. Now you can readily see that this ordinance is in direct conflict with the city charter.

"Which should prevail, the city charter or illegal ordinances?"

EXTENDING CITY LIGHTS.

Lower Laurel Street Will Soon Have Electricity.

The city light zone is being extended beyond the railroad track in the north part of the city and that portion of the city will within a few days be provided with electric lights. The new line extends to Helman Baths and in crossing the railroad right of way the wires are put under the tracks, this method being found cheaper and better than the overhead wiring.

Screen doors, any description or size. Carson-Smith Lumber Co.

ELECTRIC IS COMING.

Prophecy That Line Will Parallel S. P. From North.

That the Oregon Electric Railway is to be extended as far south as Roseburg in the near future is attested in a suit filed in the circuit court of Marion county at Salem on Saturday, says the Umquaga Valley News. The suit is in the form of a condemnation proceeding and was brought with a view of acquiring a right of way across certain land said to be situated between Albany and Roseburg. Other than citing the title of the case, the complaint says the Oregon Electric Company desires to extend its line to Roseburg and thereby is compelled to resort to the courts in order to acquire the right of way under dispute. The Oregon Electric line is said to be owned by the Welch interests, which in reality are known to be backed by James J. Hill and his associates. According to the present surveys it is almost certain that the Oregon Electric line will parallel the Southern Pacific road as far south as Ashland.

In substantiation of the above it might be well to state that the Welch interests only recently purchased the local water and light company, heretofore owned and operated by Kendall Brothers of Pittsburg, Pa. With the local light and water plant in their possession, the Welch interests are now prepared to furnish electricity with which to operate the proposed road upon its extension to Roseburg.

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MINING SESSION OPENS

Yreka Scene of Large Gathering—Delegation From Ashland Left This Morning.

A large delegation of mining men from this city left this morning for Yreka, where the Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining Congress opens its session tomorrow. Some excellent samples of ore from this district have been forwarded to Yreka. Mining enthusiasts are enthusiastic over this meeting and state that it will be the biggest event of the kind ever held in the district. Ashland men have a prominent place on the convention program, Messrs. Watson, Burns and Dozier being slated for speeches.

The program has just been completed, and shows a choice of subjects covering the entire mining field. The people of Yreka have done themselves proud in the manner of the entertainment which they have provided for the visiting delegates, and there will not be a dull moment from the time the train stops this afternoon at the Yreka depot till the conductor calls "all aboard" when the time comes to leave. Thursday evening the delegates will be entertained at a free ball given at the pavilion in Recreation Park. Friday the regular program of the congress will be ushered in by an address of welcome by Mayor Barham on the part of the people of Yreka. H. L. Herzinger, president of the congress, will respond. Following this the program for the two days will be as follows:

Opening address—"Siskiyou County," B. K. Collier, Yreka.

Address—"Geology of Siskiyou District," Hon. C. B. Watson, Ashland.

Address—"Mining Generally," C. W. Anderson, Medford.

Address—"Leasing of the Public Lands," R. H. Burns, Ashland.

Appointing of convention committees.

Afternoon Session—2 O'Clock.

Address—"Mining in Josephine County," W. S. Bacon, E. M. Kerby.

Address—"Mother Lode of Northern California," Hon. John Daggett, Black Bear.

Address—"Freaks in Ore Deposits," C. J. Dozier, Ashland.

Address—"Subject to be chosen," O. S. Blanchard, Grants Pass.

Address—"How to Encourage Mining," Prof. H. M. Parks, state mineralogist of Oregon.

Evening Session—8 O'Clock.

Selection by Yreka brass band. Address by Hon. W. H. Storms, state mineralogist of California.

Selection by Yreka brass band. Address—"Copper Resources of Shasta County and the Copper Market," M. E. Dittmar, Redding.

Saturday—9:30 O'Clock.

Address—"Leasing of the Public Lands," L. D. Mahone, Portland.

Address—"Prospecting for the Unusual," S. F. French, Corvallis.

Address—"The Merlin District," W. M. Richards, Merlin.

Business meeting. Reports of committees.

Adjournment.

Following adjournment, the afternoon will be given to a social session, and visiting delegates will have an opportunity to see the sights around Yreka. At 1 o'clock autos will leave the headquarters, taking all who wish to go for a tour of Scott valley, including receptions at Etna and Fort Jones. In the evening there will be a free entertainment and farewell reception. For all who will remain over Sunday, however, auto trips to Shasta valley and a reception at Montague have been arranged.

Excursion to Coolestin.

The Southern Pacific will run a special train Sunday, July 21, leaving Ashland about 8:40 a. m., returning in the evening. Fare for the round trip, 60 cents.

ACTIVITY IN IRRIGATION MATTERS

FILINGS MADE ON WATER IN KEENE AND EMIGRANT CREEKS—WILL BE SUBMITTED TO RANCHERS IN AUGUST

Irrigation activities, that have been evident in various parts of the valley this summer, are now assuming definite shape about Ashland and it is hoped and expected that within the next thirty days the owners of land across Bear creek will be given an opportunity to sign up for water.

A party of surveyors passed through Ashland early in the week, and, when asked where they were bound for, stated they were going to Hyatt Prairie to make a week's survey. This is on Keene creek and is adjacent to the Keene creek reservoir site recently surveyed by Ashland engineers. The men were said to be representing T. W. Osgood of Medford in the interest of the Keene creek irrigation project, it being rumored that Mr. Osgood had filed on dam sites and water rights on Keene and Emigrant creeks.

When called over the telephone yesterday, Mr. Osgood confirmed the report that he had filed on water in the above named creeks and further outlined his plans.

"I have made filings on the water on Keene and Emigrant creeks," said Mr. Osgood, "and have made surveys of four reservoir sites on these creeks. I am now completing plans and will take up at once the cost of putting the water on the land. We should have this ready to submit to the ranchers by the middle of next month."

FINE WATER SYSTEM.

Jacksonville Now Boasts Superiority Over Valley Cities.

According to the adjusters of the Equitable Underwriters of Portland, Jacksonville has the best water system outside of Portland.

The new reservoir completed last Tuesday contains 40,000,000 gallons and the entire business section is covered with pipes and most of the residence section. For domestic purposes the water has tested absolutely pure.

The new reservoir is supplied by mountain springs through Jackson creek and the underwriters who visited the county seat were loud in their praise of the same. It is claimed in Jacksonville that the new system is better than the systems in Medford, Grants Pass or Ashland.

Lady Campers

Looking for something to embroider, don't fail to see the beautiful line of art needlework at Lane's Art and Novelty Shop, 47 North Main.

GRANTS PASS IN TROUBLE.

City Hall Question Causes Turmoil in Council.

That city hall question, like Banquo's ghost, refuses to down, and even the awarding of the contract has not been sufficient to make the issues that were supposed to be dead lie quiet in their last resting place.

Mr. Clarke, the contractor, had commenced work on the excavation for the foundation, when a difference of opinion regarding the position the structure was to occupy on the site developed, and the mayor called a special session of the council to consider the matter before the contractor had made too much headway. At the called session adjournment was taken to Friday night, at which time only Councilmen Wolfersberger, Caldwell and Stricker were present. At this meeting the mayor explained several features regarding the location that did not appear proper to him, setting forth his objections in a written communication. Another feature that did not suit the mayor was the fact that a surety bond had been first demanded, but that this provision had been changed in the signed contract to a personal bond, and that Councilman H. J. Clarke, father of the contractor, was one of the signers of the bond. This the mayor pointed out as a violation of the city charter.—Grants Pass Courier.

This month only, men's suits French dry cleaned and pressed for \$1.00. Orres' Tailoring and Cleaning Shop, Goods called for, Phone 141.

FIRST SHIPMENT OF PEACHES.

Few Boxes of Alexanders Went Out Tuesday.

The first shipment of peaches from this district was sent out by the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association last Tuesday. The shipment consisted of a few boxes of Alexanders and were sent to Portland. The number of Alexanders raised about Ashland is small and carload shipments will not be made until the Early Crawford come in, which will be about the middle of next month.

Holdup at Newport.

Don't get held up on your way to Newport. Keep your checks and save money. Bains Transfer Company meets all incoming boats. We have no solicitor along the route or on board the trains. We simply give the public a square deal and solicit a share of the patronage. 14-21

The Hub's big clearance sale is southern Oregon's great bargain event.

FIRE IN LABORATORY NEARLY PROVES FATAL

F. A. Kormann, Chemist for Hygienol Chemical Company, Overcome by Fumes—Water Damages Hardware and Drug Stocks

Fire which started in the laboratory of the Hygienol Chemical Company on the second floor of the Swendburg building last Monday afternoon came very near causing the death of F. A. Kormann, chemist in charge, and has been the means of putting the company somewhat behind with their work besides doing considerable damage to apparatus and supplies in the laboratory. The origin of the fire is not known.

First signs of the conflagration were seen about 4:30, when smoke was noticed coming from an open window. Immediately the odor or gases permeated the air and the alarm was turned in. Attempts were made at first to get at the trouble with fire extinguishers, it being thought water would not be necessary. This proved impossible, however, because of the terrible effect of the fumes, and the hose was trained on the building. The fire was extinguished without great difficulty and when all was over it was found that the greatest damage resulted from the water.

Mr. Kormann had a narrow escape. As soon as the fire was discovered he rushed into the building in the hope of rescuing the books and formulas of the company. He made several trips with a sponge over his face, but was finally overcome by the fumes and was hurried to the hospital, where after several hours' work he was brought back to consciousness. He was out again yesterday and but for a feeling of weakness is as well as ever. Walter Hash, a member of the fire company, was also overcome by the gases but recovered speedily.

WILL SUPPORT STATION.

Coos County Court Appropriates \$3,000 for Experimental Work.

Marshfield, Ore.—The sum of \$3,000 has been appropriated by the Coos county court for the establishment of an experiment station. This is given as a basic fund for the institution and on condition that the state appropriate an annual maintenance fund. Since the visit of a number of the fruit experts to this locality recently the people have been enthusiastic about having a station in this county.

The Fruit Growers' Association has taken up the matter and decided that the station should be located at some point east of Myrtle Point away from the ocean winds, as that part of the county is best adapted for fruit growing and general farming. The plan is to establish a station for the benefit of both horticulturists and general farmers.

An irrigation ditch has just been completed in the Hood River section that has taken six years to construct at a cost of \$150,000.

PETITION DENIED.

Rural Mail Route South of Klamath Falls Not Allowed.

The petition which was recently drawn up and signed by the required number of signers for a rural mail route south of Klamath Falls has been returned for the reason that the proposed route is partially covered by stage delivery, according to Postmaster Brandenburg.

Many of those now receiving their mail by stage delivery travel some distance to get it, but despite this the route was not accepted.

About one-third of the proposed route is now covered by stage.

Another petition has been drawn up which covers territory farther west than the first one and it is possible that this one may be accepted if a sufficient number of signers is secured.

Clearance Sale.

For two weeks, in millinery, all lines, big bargains. Mrs. H. Simons.

Table board in private family. 64 Third street, phone 309-J.

INSTALL NEW EQUIPMENT

WESTERN UNION MAKING RADICAL CHANGES.

WILL BE BEST OFFICE ON COAST

Increased Business Makes Additions Necessary—Ashland Was Unimportant Relay Station Four Years Ago, Now the First.

The Western Union Telegraph Company is making radical changes in their office equipment, which, when completed, will make Ashland office the best equipped relay station on the Pacific coast. The office is being enlarged appreciably by the moving back of the partition and the old relay tables will be replaced with new and larger ones, with increased facilities for handling the daily increasing business of the company. The amount of the improvement is about \$3,000, an expenditure that will complete the equipment of this office as a strictly modern relay station.

Less than four years ago the Western Union spent over \$10,000 in improvements in the Ashland office. At that time the company installed a storage battery plant which replaced the now almost obsolete gravity battery. The increase in business and the importance of Ashland as a repeater and test station again necessitates the enlargement of the office and the installing of additional equipment. The office will be equipped throughout with new and larger tables, switchboard and instruments of the latest types, which will make Ashland not only the best equipped and most up-to-date office on the coast, but the equal of any in the United States as well.

EAGLE POINTERS SUICIDES

John E. Hart Becomes Tired of Life and Shoots Himself Through the Head.

Despondent over financial and domestic troubles, John E. Hart, a pioneer rancher at Eagle Point, committed suicide at his home at 210 Beatty street about noon Tuesday by shooting himself with a .38 revolver. A note written with a pencil lay on a table within three feet of where his prostrate body was found in a pool of blood with a bullet wound through his head.

"Notify Elmer Smith at Yreka, also Pete Stowell at Eagle Point," was the contents of the note, which was unsigned.

That Hart had planned the taking of his life was evident by the well-arranged plan which he followed. It is also believed that he intended that the cause should not be known. For several days past he had complained to his friend, J. B. Reese, that he was greatly troubled with a severe pain in the back of his head. Tuesday he said that the pain had been unbearable and he believed that it would kill him within a few days if relief was not found. Reese advised him to consult a physician, but Hart said that he believed that he would go to his home and try to sleep for a few hours.

"If I am not downtown this afternoon, come and see me about 7 o'clock, as I will be pretty bad." Those were the words that he told Mr. Reese about 11 o'clock. Reese and J. H. Fleener, another friend of Hart's, found the body when they went to visit with him in the evening. According to Dr. Clancy, Hart must have taken his life as soon as he arrived at his home, for the muscles were stiffened when he was found.

Hart but recently sold his ranch near Eagle Point for \$22,500. A part of this money he had invested in a patent washer, which caused worry. He was also troubled over a divorce action that was brought by his wife and was to appear in the next term of court.

Hart was about 68 years old and well known in the county. A cousin lives at Yreka and a daughter by his first wife is in southern California.

Resolution.

Dear Friends: The Ideal Grocery Company have resolved that on and after August 1, 1912, all accounts entered with us will be placed on a 30-day cash basis only, the same being entitled to our 5 per cent cash discount.

We also wish to announce that hereafter credit will not be extended on accounts now standing which have run over 30 days time, and we ask that all settlements be made at once. Those desirous of continuing their account with us will please take notice of the same and be governed accordingly.

Under present business conditions it is impossible for us to maintain our present low prices and 5 per cent cash discount except on the above basis.

MACKIE & NININGER, Ashland, Ore.

Cotton Futures Banned.

Washington, D. C.—Heavy penalties for gambling in cotton "futures" are provided in the Beall bill passed Tuesday by the house by a vote of 95 to 25. The bill yet must go to the senate. Efforts were made to amend the bill to include provisions prohibiting gambling in grains, but these failed. The bill would prohibit all dealing in cotton futures and fix heavy penalties for the purchase or sale of cotton not actually in existence. Heavy fines would be imposed for the use of the mails or telegraph for the dissemination of cotton speculation information.

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Changes are under the direction of the plant superintendent, O. H. Sneed is personally conducting the work, assisted by Electricians H. P. Hoffer and W. D. Quinn. Changes will be complete in about two weeks. In addition to the force now employed, another repeater will be necessary with the new equipment, which will make the total number five repeaters and two clerks. Four years ago there were but two repeaters and a messenger and the office closed at 1 a. m. The public now has an all-night service. The office will continue to be operated under the management of F. C. Koutledge.

IMPORTANT ISSUE.

Location of State Highway in California Causes Alarm.

An issue of great importance to Ashland and the Rogue river valley towns is being pushed vigorously by the board of supervisors of Siskiyou county citizens of Sissou, Dunsmuir, Yreka, Montague, Hornbrook and other towns. A strong delegation backed with a heavy petition again appeared before the state highway commission of California last week and made their arguments against the proposed state highway going up the McCloud river route, which would take it to the extreme east side of Siskiyou county, making it come out in the neighborhood of Klamath Falls. The original plan contemplated sending the road up the Sacramento canyon to the state line at Coles. The Yreka Journal states the case as follows:

"The Siskiyou county supervisors have established a record that will go down in history, viz: That they passed an order that if the state highway passed through Dunsmuir up the canyon and then to Coles, they would build all bridges and give them an 80-foot right of way. The state commission claims that by Siskiyou making this offer it has raised the building fund \$6,000,000, as other counties have had to make the same offer. It virtually means that they will have \$24,000,000 to work on. It is understood that the reason the engineers contemplate the building of the road up the Pitt and McCloud rivers is on account of the saving of about \$50,000, but a little saving like that is nothing compared with the accommodation of thousands of people who visit the noted summer resorts of Siskiyou, many of which are located in the canyon, besides being the most direct route."

WILL NOT CAMPAIGN.

President Taft Not to Make Extended Trip.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft has made it known that he will not personally canvass the country for votes at the November election. Such decision was announced in his telegram to the Minnesota agricultural committee, declining an invitation to address the Minnesota state fair on September 13 on political issues.

"In sending his regrets," the White House statement declared, "the president says he does not expect to make any extended trips or do any campaigning."

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